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In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1 and 15 as shown in clean form below:

1. (Amended) An apparatus for optical scanning of multiple specimens comprising:

a specimen receiving device for holding the specimens, the specimen receiving device defining an axis of rotation and being rotatable about the axis of rotation; and

a scanning device provided for optically scanning the specimens, the scanning device defining a further axis and being rotatable about the further axis, the scanning device being arranged movably relative to the specimen receiving device.

15.(Amended) The apparatus as defined in Claim 1, wherein at least one laser beam is provided for scanning the specimens and at least one detector detects fluorescent light from the specimen.

REMARKS

Objections

With regard to the Patent Offices objection to Claim 1, Applicant respectfully asserts that Claim 1, as amended above, now places this claim in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the Patent Office withdraw their objection.

Rejections

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Patent Office has rejected Claims 1-2, 4-6 and 8-22 as being unpatentable over Stein (U.S. Patent No. 5,532,874) in view of Montagu (U.S. Patent No. 6,262,838), Claims 11-12 over